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EDITORIAL

I have had to come to the decision not to publish any letters attacking other people or their points of view in future issues of SF. There has been far too much of this lately and it causes too much unpleasantness. So now the rule is: If you've got something to say about UFOs, write to SAUCER FORUM. If you've got something to say about somebody else, write to him directly.

At 6.50 p.m. (GMT) on Thursday March 2nd 1965 I was looking at the constellation Orion when I saw two star-like lights that were not usually there. As I looked they moved "up" the constellation, then levelled out and flew horizontally until they vanished into the distance. I heard no sound, but this could possibly have been drowned by the traffic noise. The lights moved together as if on one object, too fast to be a satellite. They were in view for approximately one minute.

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NEW PUBLICATIONS

Two publications of interest to UFOlogists have recently come out. One is Gene Duplantier's 1965 YEARBOOK, which publishes the best from the first ten issues of the popular saucer magazine SAUCERS, SPACE AND SCIENCE. Costing 75 cents (about 6/6) it can be obtained from Gene Duplantier, 17, Shetland Street, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada.

The other is OMEGA, by Lucius Farish, which deals with Fortean phenomena, mainly taken from British newspapers of the 1800s. This will cost \$1.25, or 14/-. Obtainable from Armand A. Laprade, 48, Great Brook Valley Avenue, Worcester, Massachusetts 01605, U.S.A.

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(an) Dear Mr. Goddard,

On February 14, 1965, there were numerous reports of a blinding white flash of light near Paris, Tennessee, several miles north of here.

According to police officers, the light was at first dim, then came to a peak and faded out. There was no sound accompanying the flash.

As a member of NICAP, I am investigating this, and you will hear from me if I find any further information.

Eric L. Oliver, Route 1, Gleason, Tennessee 38229, U.S.A.

(ao) Dear Jimmy,

I have been following with interest the debate in SAUCER FORUM a la Messrs. Adamski, Steinberg, Beckley, etc. I thought I might put in a word or two of my own.

Through my travels on behalf of UFOlogy, I have hit on a discovery which may be of interest to you and your readership. I have found that, despite the various apparent controversies that seem to ravage the field (such as the Steinberg-Beckley feud), in person all of these people seem to get along very well together! The simple reason for this is, I think, that basically UFOlogists are a nice lot, viewed as a group. They are strongly opinionated - therefore they naturally disagree on many points. But AS PEOPLE they seem to get along very well.

I recall one recent meeting where Mr. Beckley and Mr. Steinberg, myself and a few others, sat around for hours "talking shop" with narry an ill-word between those two, or, for that matter, between anyone. I close with the words of Emerson: "We are of different opinions at different hours but we always may be said to be at heart on the side of truth".

Allen Greenfield, 2875, Sequoyah Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30327, U.S.A.

(ap) Dear Mr. Goddard,

Is there a purpose behind the formation of UFO appearances in straight lines? Is it a reconnaissance operation? That seems to be the view of Dr. Olavo T. Fontes and of Mr. Gordon Creighton. (See FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, March-April 1961, May-June 1961, July-August 1961, and January-February 1965).

If such an operation is to culminate in an invasion, what sort of invasion will it be? If it is one with conquest in view, what, if anything, will the more benevolently-disposed space-beings do to interfere for our protection? This assumes that those who are out to conquer us (if any) are intending to use physical force.

On the other hand, there may be truth in Ashtar's statement to

Trevor James that space-beings of both kinds (both good and amoral) are out to battle for our minds (not our territory) so that in that case the threat is more psychic than physical. Which is it? Or is it both?

C. R. Yuille-Smith, 3, Albany Road, Bedford, Bedfordshire.

(aq) Dear Jimmy,

The subject of claimed contact with "space-people" has received much attention lately. Although we may not like to admit it, there are fraud "contactees" among us, and personally I think that the U.S. has more than its fair share of them.

Adamski is the first American to claim contact with our space brothers, and is still in my opinion the best authentic case in America (although he cannot give overwhelming evidence to show that he has had contact). The second best case is a toss-up between Howard Menger, Daniel Fry and Truman Bethurum. All seem sincere, but not one agrees entirely with the others. You may say that Menger's craft resembles Adamski's, etc., but not exactly. If our space brothers want G.A. to be better known why don't they let us photograph them? In fact here are most of us struggling over which contacts to believe when G.A. could ask the spacemen which contactees are telling the truth. Surely the object of making contact with G.A. was to give we "earthlings" an understanding of the flying saucer mystery, then why leave us in the dark.

Instead of talking cosmic philosophy let us get the UFO mystery over with and if Adamski has the truth let him speak.

Peter Coleman, 7, Sleaford Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28.

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BUTORA MEETINGS

SAUCERS OVER THE MIDLANDS. 86/1/65. Lecture by Gavin Gibbons.

This was of course the day of Sir Winston Churchill's funeral, so Mr. Gibbons started the lecture by quoting Sir Winston's only comment on the subject of flying saucers. In 1954, while being painted, he had apparently said, "Other planets should be treated with the contempt they deserve."

After this he went on to give a list of his own sightings. As these are all recorded in "The Favoured Ones" (available at 2/- from me) I will not go into them again here. Then he described the details

of the Cosford sighting, and those of the Roostenberg family, and a ball of fire seen by Mr. Wilfred Daniels, a leading UFO researcher. When he had given details of all these sightings, he then once more expounded his theory that the activity round the airfields of Seighford and Hixon, near Shrewsbury, suggested that they might use these fields when they land en masse on the earth.

Then Mr. Gibbons went on to say how public cynicism had risen since 1945, on account of the hydrogen bomb. He said this was quite illogical since the hydrogen bomb will stop any future wars. He mentioned that the East and West ideologies were coming closer together, and that soon all the horrors will go. Wars, he said, were no more than "Earth civil wars", and a waste of energy. If we had co-operated we would perhaps have reached the Moon by now, and have been well on the way to Mars.

Mr. Gibbons stated that it was his opinion that two things would happen when we get into space. Firstly, there will be a spirit of unity, as expressed by President Kennedy and Sir Winston Churchill, and secondly a sense of wonder will return to our now cynical minds, because we will realise how puny we really are. A realisation of God will return. And so Mr. Gibbons told us to look forward to the exciting times ahead.

After the lecture there was a question period in which several sightings and other things of interest were discussed.

THE CASE FOR LITTLE GREEN MEN. 27/2/65. Lecture by Lionel Beer.

Before the lecture started Dr. Doel, Chairman and Central Information Officer of BUFORA, gave details of the latest sightings, including a spectacular one in which a man's clothing had been burnt by a UFO.

Mr. Beer quoted the Encyclopedia Britannica to open his lecture. The article he read was by Dr. Allen Hynek, an American astronomer, and tended to imply, as Mr. Beer said, that all UFOlogists merited "socio-psychological study".

Then he went on to say how in the folklore of many countries there were accounts very similar to the modern day "little men" stories (Irish leprechauns, etc.). He mentioned that R.A.F. pilots in World War II would say that "the gremlins" had been at their aircraft if anything went wrong with them, and wondered how the expression had originated. Could it be that at some time a pilot had seen a strange creature on his plane? And could "gremlin" be a corruption of "green thing"?

Then Mr. Beer gave some reports of humanoid creatures seen. He mentioned that there had been a case some time ago where two green

children appeared on the scene, no-one knowing where they had come from. They soon died. After this he mentioned a case from Dr. Jessup's "Expanding Case for the UFO." In this account little green men with claw hands walked up to the door of a Mr. Sutton's house. He fired a shotgun over their heads, but this did not deter them, so he fired directly at them. They fell down, but soon got up again and ran back to their craft. Then lots of them, apparently indignant at this, climbed trees around the house, and even on to the roof. Mr. Sutton went to the nearest town and called the police, but by the time they had arrived the little men had gone. Mr. Beer compared this to the Team Lane incident (see ORBIT, Vol. 6, No. 1). After describing this Mr. Beer went on to mention other sightings, some famous, including the Flatwoods, West Virginia case and the Desverges case.

Mr. Beer divided the types of beings seen into three groups:-

- 1) Little men.
 - (a) 2' to 2' 6" tall. These wore space suits and usually avoided contact.
 - (b) 3' to 3' 6" tall. These usually wore tight one-piece suits, occasionally with helmets as well.
 - (c) Up to 4' 6" tall. These usually wore no suits, occasionally they had a cape or cloak. In one case a man broke a gun barrel over one of their heads, without effect, and the being promptly punched him fifteen feet and ran off.
- 2) Normal men. Usually 5' approximately. Some are reported to speak the language of the observer, while some are said to utter unintelligible sounds. They usually wear a one-piece suit. Adamski's first contact was put in this category.
- 3) Tall men and monsters. These ranged from 7' to around 10' tall, the record being one case described as 13' tall.

The ratio of these sightings, said Mr. Beer, was that for every one (3) there were two (2)s and four (1)s. All the beings were humanoid in form; bug-eyed monsters are out.

Mr. Beer is of the opinion that these beings are neither hostile nor friendly, but just scientifically indifferent.

LIFE BEYOND THE EARTH. 27/3/65. Lecture by Stephen Smith.

Mr. Smith, from a UFO group in Cambridge, began by saying that the Jonnie Zamora incident in New Mexico had rekindled the fire of enthusiasm about the contact claims. But then he said how slim the chance was of life appearing in the first place. He described the currently held theories about life on Earth evolving from soup (!) to man, then gave an account of the requirements for life (a planet with a stable orbit around a star, orbiting at a certain distance from it).

Then he went on to say that Mars and Venus were definitely the only planets in the solar system capable of bearing any kind of life. He described the two planets in detail, and stated categorically that life of suitable intelligence to pilot the UFOs could not possibly exist on either. Beyond the solar system, he said, there are about 100,000,000 stars in the galaxy capable of having planets (about 1% to 4% of the total number of stars).

He then gave several theories as to how the solar system started, after which he said that it was possible to note whether the nearer stars were likely to have planetary systems, by watching to see if they wobbled during their rotation. But he said it was a problem as to whether we should listen for messages from them or try to transmit to them ourselves. He concluded by saying that the contact claims were a very big problem, and would take a lot of sorting out.

Then came the question period, and many questions were asked, dealing with such topics as whether life was a random occurrence or if it was planned (Mr. Smith believed it was purely random), silicon life, lunar bases, Martian satellites, the red spot on Jupiter, quasars, orthoteny and whether it was possible to destroy cumulus clouds by the power of thought. Every now and then the speaker was heckled by people with esoteric beliefs.

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